# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON EFFECT OF ANTI TOBACCO LAW ON FARMERS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any technical study has been conducted by Tobacco Board on effect of anti-tobacco laws on farmers;

(b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken including formation of policy by the Government to protect farmers from antitobacco laws and save them from exploitation?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) No, Madam.

(b-c) Do not arise.

(d) The increasing Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco exports from India indicates that there is no significant effect on FCV tobacco growers. However, India is a signatory to WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) whereby there is an obligation to implement the provisions of FCTC in India to reduce the use of tobacco. The Government is responsible for promotion of appropriate economically viable alternatives for tobacco growers, workers, whose livelihoods are seriously affected as a consequence of tobacco control programmes.